

MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR THURSDAY, APRIL 23, 2020

Tarrant County Public Health has reported an additional 129 positive cases overnight with 1 additional death. The County totals now show 1,559 cases and 45 deaths.

Texas Department of Health and Human Services is reporting 225,078 Texans have been tested for the virus with 21,944 cases reported and 561 fatalities. For those interested in other County numbers: Harris County is reporting 5,211 positive cases, Dallas County 2,683, Travis County 1,263, Bexar County 1,126, Denton County 644, and Collin County 584.

According to the Dallas Morning News and during various radio interviews yesterday, Texas Governor Greg Abbott gave more details about the upcoming revisions to his "stay-at-home" orders that are set to expire on April 30, 2020. Abbott indicated that early next month, hair salons, stores, restaurants, and movie theaters will be allowed to open to the public but will be subject to "follow the safest practices." This includes opening Texas beaches and allowing professional sports games to start up again, only without fans. According to Abbott, "Life is not going to be like it was before." Abbott also emphasized that he is "looking at the long game" and cautions cities not to be impulsive and limit their focus only on tomorrow. "The virus is still here," he cautioned.

A report on www.fox4news.com is reporting that Walmart will begin mandating one-way aisles in order to encourage social distancing while shopping. This will be implemented nationwide and will begin by the end of May. In addition, Walmart has currently implemented requirements for all its employees to begin wearing face masks.